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YUAN AND THE TROOPS.	SUBMARINE SUNK.	MAJOR-GEN. SCOBELL.	MORE MOLESTATION.	PREMIER'S RETURN.	FIGHT FOR THRONE.	RUSSIA TO EXPLOIT.
[Service to the "Telegraph."] Shanghai, Feb. 3, 9 a.m. Peking is momentarily expecting the abdication of the Throne. Yuan Shih-kai asks for five million taels to pay the Manchu bounties for the provision of the eunuchs. The troops threaten to kill anyone who harms Yuan Shih-kai.	[Service to the "Telegraph."] Bombay, Feb. 3, 12.25 a.m. Submarine A 13 has been sunk in collision with the gunboat Hazard to the east of the Isle of Wight. A cruiser is standing by.—Reuter. A HORRIFYING SIGHT. Bombay, Feb. 3, 7.15 a.m. It is feared that all on board the A 13 are drowned. Lieutenant Ormand was in command, and Lieutenants Ernest Thornton, Donald Colin Campbell, and Leonard Richardson with ten men completed the crew. The submarine was exercising at torpedo firing with six others. The collision took place when she was partially submerged and she disappeared in a few minutes. The Hazard's crew were horrified to see a large escape of air which indicated that she was completely flooded.—Reuter.	[Service to the "Telegraph."] Bombay, Feb. 3, 12.25 a.m. The death is announced of Major-General Henry Jenner Scobell at Capetown.—Reuter. [Major-Gen. Scobell, who only 53 years of age, has held the command in Cape Colony since 1909. He entered the army in 1879. He served in S. Africa in 1899-1902 and was four times mentioned in despatches.] SIR DAVID WELCH. The death has taken place of Sir David Nairne Welch, a retired Navy captain—who commanded the Royal Yacht Fairy and Alberta from 1874 to 1878.—Reuter. MAJOR-GEN. TALBOT COKE. London, Feb. 2, 9.45 p.m. The death is announced of Major-General Talbot Coke.—Reuter. [General Talbot Coke served during the Fenian invasion of Canada in 1866, in Egypt in 1888 and was in command of the 10th Brigade, Natal Field Force, South Africa 1899-1901.]	[Service to the "Telegraph."] Bombay, Feb. 3, 12.25 a.m. Disregard of the agreement recently arrived at under Sir G. R. Askwith's chairmanship in several districts of north-west Lancashire is becoming alarming. Molestation of non-unionists is continuous and active hostility is shown towards Roman Catholics. The employers are seriously considering a fresh lockout.—Reuter. STRIKE OR LOOKOUT? London, Feb. 2, 6.25 p.m. Extra police are being drafted into Lancashire in connection with the cotton situation. There is talk of a strike or lockout on Monday. PANAMA TOLL. FAVOUR OR NOT? [Service to the "Telegraph."] London, Feb. 2, 2.45 a.m. A Committee of the New York Chamber of Commerce is presenting a resolution advocating for a uniform toll of a dollar per ton on shipping passing through the Panama Canal. It declares that American ships cannot be favoured without abrogating the treaties with Great Britain.—Reuter.	[Service to the "Telegraph."] Bombay, Feb. 3, 12.25 a.m. Mr. Asquith has returned from his continental holiday tour and has had a conference with the various ministers.—Reuter. London, Feb. 2, 6.5 p.m. A protracted Cabinet meeting discussed the programme for the coming session. LOAN TO PERSIA. EMPTY TREASURY. [Service to the "Telegraph."] London, Feb. 2, 6.25 p.m. Reuter learns that negotiations are proceeding for a joint advance of \$200,000 each. The Persian treasury is practically empty and the whole of last May's loan has been expended, partly in resisting the ex-Shah. EX-SHAH'S RESIDENCE. The question of the latter's future residence is occupying the attention of the British and Russian Governments. Russia will not agree to his being in Persia while any Russian troops remain there.—Reuter.] MANOEL AND MIGUEL. SMART JOURNALIST. [Service to the "Telegraph."] London, Feb. 2, 4.25 a.m. The papers publish pictures of ex-King Manoel and Dom Miguel at Dover, and reproduce signatures on a blotting pad which a journalist who tracked Miguel from Paris photographed. Reuter fears that at the meeting of Manoel and Miguel at Dover the latter spontaneously offered to help to his utmost in the restoration of ex-King Manoel.	[Service to the "Telegraph."] London, Feb. 10 6.10 p.m. Lord Cranworth who recently returned from Abyssinia has informed Reuter that there is much fighting among the chiefs in connection with the succession to the Throne. The Europeans are becoming rather anxious. MENELIK OR ANOTHER? The condition of Menelik is shrouded in mystery. It is supposed that he is living in his palace in the middle of Addis Ababa, the capital of Abyssinia, where the youthful heir to the Throne also resides. A doctor occasionally visits the palace, but he merely sees a carefully swaddled living figure with the face hidden.—Reuter. RIOTING IN BRISBANE. POLICE AND STRIKERS. [Service to the "Telegraph."] London, Feb. 1, 9.45 p.m. Reuter's correspondent at Brisbane states that twenty strikers have been injured in a collision with armed police, who were preventing a procession. Negotiations for a settlement have failed.—Reuter. STRIKE IN PARIS. MOB AND SOLDIERS. [Service to the "Telegraph."] London, Feb. 2, 2.45 a.m. Reuter's correspondent at Paris states that a taxi-cab strike has been in progress for the past two months. The companies attempted to bring out a number of vehicles escorted by cuirassiers and police mounted on bicycles. One of the latter fell, and a mob of strikers rushed the cabs and overturned five of them, slashing with their knives at the cuirassiers who charged the crowd and enabled forty cabs to reach Paris.	[Service to the "Telegraph."] Bombay, Feb. 3, 7.15 a.m. Reuter's correspondent at St. Petersburg says that a telegram from Urga states that the Mongolians intend to leave to the Russians the exploitation of Mongolia's mineral wealth against compensation. Russian contractors have already arrived.—Reuter. STRIKE IN PORTUGAL. TROUBLE OVER. [Service to the "Telegraph."] London, Feb. 2, 2.50 p.m. Reuter's correspondent says it is officially reported that the strike is everywhere ended. The Government is now master of the situation. It adopted a motion prolonging martial law in Lisbon for a month, also a bill providing for the summary court-martialing of the prisoners arrested in connection with the disorders in batches of twenty-five at a time. The Premier made a statement in which he reiterated that reactionaries had engineered the strikes. It is expected that Parliament will be prorogued for a month.—Reuter. ALLEGED SPY. STEWART'S DEFENCE. [Service to the "Telegraph."] London, Feb. 2, 4.25 a.m. Reuter's Leipzig correspondent says that Mr. Stewart has been charged with seeking to obtain certain information, a part of which he admits having tried to get, but in his defence contends that the information was not secret and the attempt to obtain it was no offence. CANTON NEWS. [THE "TELEGRAPH" CORRESPONDENT.] Canton, Feb. 2. The Canton authorities are at last doing something towards the suppression of piracy in the West River. The service of gunboats in the West River is being reorganised by the Naval Board, so that a more effective patrol system may be carried out. Accordingly the gunboats Kiang Ku and Kiang Kung have been commissioned to accompany the British steamers Nam-ning and Si-nun on their way up river. The other gunboats will watch vessels going to Kong-moon. On Jan. 31 a Chinese Christian was arrested by the revolutionaries under the command of Wong Choo, and shot. The victim's name was Chin Tak-pui and his corpse was exhibited in the Lecturing Hall in the Sunin district, and the matter has been reported to the Governor General. There is a feeling of uneasiness among the Christians in the district.

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China Mail.

Revolutionists and Loans.
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inconvenience is being felt in
Nanking on account of the lack
of funds, and this impoverty is
hampering the leaders very
greatly. It is not likely that
President Sun would have
broached the subject unless stern
necessity had forced his hand, for
it is well known that Chinese
shareholders are very sensitive in
regard to such a matter and the
coercion attempted by the Man-
chu Government in regard to the
proposed nationalisation of the
railways did as much as anything
to bring matters to a head last
autumn. As, however, there is
no pressure in the present case
and as most of the people in the
South are fully in sympathy with
the revolution and are willing to
make sacrifices to forward it, we
should not be surprised if they
were to fall in with the proposal.
The next question is as to where
the loan shall be negotiated.
There will be many who would
be willing to lend money on
such security, for, as we noted a
day or two ago, the railway is
paying well.

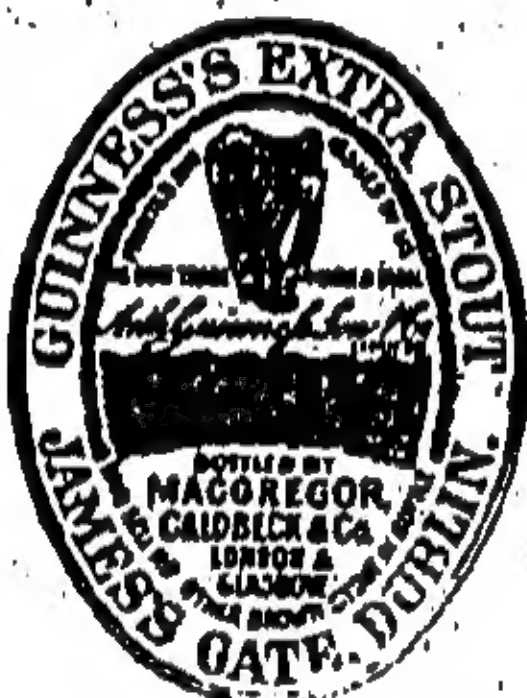
Daily Press.

Britain and China's Trade.
In the current number of the
Journal of the Royal Colonial In-
stitute—which is now under the
editorship of Mr. Archibald R.
Colquhoun and has been re-named
"United Empire"—there is a very
interesting analysis of the foreign
trade statistics of China by Mr.
Stafford Ransome, whose name
will be familiar to some as the
author of a book on the develop-
ment of Japan, entitled "Japan
in Transition," while to others Mr.
Ransome will be known as the
editor of an engineering journal
devoted chiefly to Eastern enter-
prises. He regards the statistics
for 1910 as not merely interesting
as a record of an individual year,
but "because they represent the
high water-mark of progress" at
which China had arrived under
the regime to which a period has
now been put by the revolution.
Assuming, as we think he is en-
titled to do, that one-half of
China's imports from Hongkong
are British, Mr. Ransome reckons
that the British Empire's share
of the trade of China in 1910 was
approximately \$24,000,000, or
about 40 per cent. of the whole.
Mr. Ransome purports to discuss
"British Trade Prospects in
China," but it cannot be said the
article is very enlightening on
that interesting subject.

DEATH OF A.T. DICKENS.

Alfred Tennyson Dickens, old-
est surviving son of Charles Dic-
kens, the novelist, died suddenly
of acute indigestion at the Hotel
Astor, New York, on January 2.
Mr. Dickens was in America on a
lecture tour. Mr. Dickens was a
godson of the poet Tennyson. He
was in his 67th year. Mr. Dickens,
who spent the greater part of his
life in Australia, going there at
the age of 20, arrived in America
on September 27, landing at Bos-
ton. He rested there for ten days,
because of a slight indisposition,
before beginning a lecture tour,
which he opened at Lowell, Mass.,
on October 19. The lecturer was
on his way to the theatre when
taken ill. He died shortly after
being removed to his room from
the hotel lobby. Alfred Dickens
lived in Melbourne, Australia,
where his children are. His
wife died a number of years ago.

The Japanese residents here,
says a San Francisco telegram to
the Asahi of January 21, consider-
ing that the stipulations in the
Immigration Law Reform Bill
recently introduced by Mr. Chilli-
ingham and passed by the Immi-
gration Committee in the U.S.
Senate, prohibiting the entrance
into the States of foreigners who
are disqualified from being natu-
ralized as Americans, are aimed at
preventing Japanese subjects
from entering the United States,
have accordingly started a cam-
paign with a view to obtaining
the repeal of these regulations.

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penalty of \$500 if he knowingly or wilfully permitted a balance sheet not so signed to be issued, or if he permitted default to be made in complying with the provisions of Section 77.

Negligence.

As already stated, directors are trustees for the Company of its property which is under their control, and are liable to account for the misapplication by them of funds belonging to the Company. In all other respects they are in the position of agents for the Company. They are "agents in the transactions which they enter into on behalf of the Company" (Lord Selbourne L. O. in *Great Eastern Railway Co. v. Turner* L. R. 8 Ch. 149), or managing partners of its business. As such they are liable for any note of gross negligence on their part whereby loss has been occasioned to the Company. In the case of *Overland & Gurney Co. v. Gibb* (L. R. 5 H. L. at p. 494) Lord Hatherley L. C. said: "A person acting for another as 'his agent is bound to use all the ordinary prudence that can be properly and legitimately expected from any person in the conduct of the affairs of the world, namely, the same amount of prudence which, in the same circumstances, he would exercise on his own behalf.' Men were chosen by the Company as their directors, to act on their behalf in the same manner as they would have acted on their own behalf as men of the world." In the later case of *Lagunas Nitrate Co. v. Lagunas Syndicate* (1899) 2 Ch. at p. 435 Lindley M. R. said: "If directors act within their powers, if 'the act with such care as is reasonably to be expected from them, having regard to their knowledge and experience, and if they act honestly for the benefit of the Company they represent, they discharge both their equitable as well as their legal duty to the Company.' The amount of care to be taken is difficult to define; but it is plain that directors are not liable for all the mistakes they may make; although if they had taken more care they might have avoided them. Their negligence must be not the omission to take all possible care; it must be much more blameworthy than that; it must be 'in a business sense culpable or gross.'"

(To be Continued.)

BUSINESS DISHONESTY.

"Can a business man achieve success and yet remain an honest man?" This is the question agitating the United States, as the result of a sermon preached at Philadelphia recently by the Rev. R. J. Campbell, of London. The successor to Dr. Parker started a crowded congregation, which included many of the most prominent men of business in the Eastern States, by categorically declaring that "no successful business man of these times can be honest." In scathing terms Mr. Campbell proceeded to dwell on the "differences" men established between their behaviour in their business and private lives. The conditions of the business world are such that a business man must take gross advantage of his competitors or go to the wall. If men were to conduct their private lives on the principles that govern their business lives, they would be execrated and not "traced." These statements, which the English preacher delivered at the Baptist Church of which Mr. Rockefeller and his son are members, have led to widespread discussion.

The Queen Mother of Siam is going on a tour to Japan and Korea. A comfortable cruising yacht has been ordered from Copenhagen, and will be in Bangkok in time to start if possible in March. The tour will last three or four months, and Her Majesty will visit various places of interest in Japan and Korea, while the royal vessel will also call at various ports on the China coast. The Foreign Minister will probably accompany the Queen on this tour. It has now been decided that Her Majesty will proceed to Europe after the King's visit next year. It is probable that during the next cold season Her Majesty will visit India returning early in 1912.

DIRECTORS AND THEIR LIABILITIES, DUTIES AND POWERS.

(Continued from last Saturday.)

The addition to the new Ordinance of the provisions of Section 77, so far as they relate to the necessity for making out a balance sheet each year, would appear to have been not required in view of the provisions of Section 114 (Section 113 of the Home Act). By this latter Section it is rendered necessary that there shall be an annual audit of accounts, and that the auditors shall make a report to the shareholders on the accounts examined by them; and, by inference (see *Newton v. Birmingham S. A. Co.* (1906) 2 Ch. at p. 387), even had it not been expressly provided, a balance sheet is required to be prepared and laid before the Company in general meeting. This balance sheet, it is provided by Subsection (3), shall be signed by two directors, or if there is only one director, by that director, and the auditors' report shall either be referred to in the balance sheet and read at the meeting. It is further provided that any shareholder shall be entitled to be furnished with a copy of both the balance sheet, and the auditors' report, at a small charge. The auditors' report is required to state whether or not they have obtained all the information and explanations they have asked for, and whether in their opinion the balance sheet, referred to in the report, correctly sets forth the state of the Company's affairs.

Subsection (5) renders every director, manager, secretary, or other officer of the Company, liable to a fine of \$500 if an unapproved balance sheet is issued, or if no copy of the auditors' report is attached to it, or if it contains no reference to that report, provided that such director, or other officer of the Company is knowingly a party to the default.

This Section, 114, entitles every auditor of a Company to inspect the books, accounts, and vouchers of the Company at all times, and also to require all such information as he desires from the directors and officers for the purpose of performing his duties as auditor. So that, unless the auditors are in collision with the directors of a Company for the purpose of hiding important facts, the shareholders may be content that their interests will be safeguarded, and that the true state of the Company's affairs will be annually disclosed to them.

In the case of a banking Company it is provided by Section 114 (5) that the balance sheet must be signed by the Secretary and Manager (if any) and by at least three of the directors if there are three or more in existence.

In order to comply with the provisions of Section 77 and Section 114 it will, in future, be necessary for the directors of a Company to see that the following documents are prepared, ready to lay before the Company at its annual General Meeting:—

- (1) A profit and loss account.
- (2) A balance sheet (to be signed by two directors, if there be two or more; or, in case of a banking Company by three directors if there be three or more).
- (3) A report of the directors showing the state of the Company's affairs, etc., and,
- (4) A report of the auditors (to be attached to, or referred to, in the balance sheet).

Having regard to the definition of a "director" in Section 261 of the new Ordinance, which expression is stated to include any person on a Consulting or Advisory Committee, it would appear to be necessary, where General Managers are appointed in lieu of directors, and there is but one General Manager in the Colony, that the balance sheet should be signed by a member or members of the Consulting or Advisory Committee (if any), in addition to, or in the stead of, the one General Manager. Moreover every member of such a Committee would be liable to a

SHORT SERMON.

Lord, when saw we thee ahungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? St. Matthew, xxv, 44.

This question, which Christ, sitting on the Mount of Olives, put into the mouths of those who will be cast aside on the Day of Judgment, is followed by one of the greatest answers in the whole Bible.

"Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not unto me."

And in this question and this answer is contained the heart of true Christianity. In them is the essence of Christ's whole teaching. Take away all else he said or did, and so long as these remained, the spirit of his life would be a towering thing, casting its light through all the ages.

"To serve God by serving men; to look upon men and women as the children of God—even more than this, as the participants with God of all good; to see in the poor and the sick, the miserable and the fortunate, our best opportunity for being Christians—this is what Christ would have us do, and this is what vast numbers of Christians who make much noise about what they believe are not doing."

If they were doing it, would there be so many hungry and naked ones; so many imprisoned and so many wandering through the world as strangers in a strange land? If they were doing it, would they have so much time for useless theological arguments and worthless discussions as to doctrine?

Why should every Christian make this matter of daily living? Why should Christ be worshipped and his teachings neglected? And why should we bind up our hearts and dam the very streams of which Christ is the source? Are human beings so different to-day from what they were then—when that simple Nazarene drew them unto Him as no man had ever drawn unto himself before? Is it because his message is not in tune with these times?

No, that is not it. But there are those among us who think they can improve upon the teachings of Christ; who feel they are able to embellish them, and thus make them more attractive; who seek to parse and diagram them. They are unwittingly replacing the simple teachings of the Saviour with intricate and ornate doctrines which cannot be understood and are, therefore, sought by foolish persons as desirable because of their density and ambiguity.

There is no need for this. There is every reason why it should not be done. It is leading us away from the vital lesson of the Gospel. It is leading us away from the poor and the afflicted to plush news and polished harangues that fall from our brains like water from a duck's back.

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ROMANCE THE ROYAL.

The novelist in search of a big situation, as the literary critics have it, will find it to hand in the secret meeting of ex-King Manoel and the Pretender, Dom Miguel. Even the severe condensation necessary in a Reuter's telegram cannot rob the story of its fine air of romance. The meeting of the little party at Dover, the adjournment to the hotel, the gay spirits—one can see it all. Old differences are laid aside. New friendships are cemented; undying, too, we may be sure they are sworn to be. The man who was driven from a Throne which he has left vacant and the man who had hoped to drive him from it, not to render it vacant but to occupy it himself, set down on paper their new comradeship. Henceforth they are to be at variance no more.

Dom Miguel abdicates, we are told, but the expression seems rather an unhappy one. He could not well abdicate from a Throne upon which he has never sat. What is meant is that he has laid aside his claim. There was no immediate likelihood of its being made good anyhow, so that he has given up little except hopes and pretensions. Yet these counted for a deal with him; no doubt, and he has actually sacrificed something. Hopes are less tangible than actualities but may be quite as painful to lose.

Miguel signs a document, then, to assist Manoel in his efforts to secure a reconquest of the Throne. And here romance steps in. Some shrewd and enterprising journalist who guessed that Miguel was not taking the little trip for his health's sake, and who put two and two together with correct result, tracks the Pretender and manages to lay hands upon the blotter which was employed to dry the fateful document. The story here seems badly connected. If the whole business was secret, as we asked to believe, why was a flashlight photograph of the interesting scene taken and why were copies of the picture supplied to the newspapers? A daylight snapshot can be taken outside the victim's knowledge, but a flashlight photograph is a deliberately posed affair. It might almost appear as though the leaving of that blotting-pad was not altogether accidental.

The significance of the meeting is apparent. The outcome of it remains to be disclosed; that rests on the lap of the gods. But that such a meeting should take place at a time when Portugal is suffering from internal unrest, said to be inspired and fomented by Monarchical gold, is a coincidence most remarkable. Portugal as a whole has not taken the Republic to its heart and it is evident that there are likely to be stirring happenings there in the near future. If the ex-King's supporters and the Pretender's faction join hands an uprising may take place which, if not actually successful, should give a deal of trouble to subdue.

DAY BY DAY.

The wine of life goes into vinegar, and folks that hugg'd the bottle shirk the crust.

To-day's Paper.

The series of articles on Directors, their liabilities, duties and powers is continued to-day on page 3, where also appears the short sermon. The result of the Photographic Competition for January is announced on page 8.

The police report that two more dead bodies have been found, one in Aberdeen and one in the Harbour.

Tenders are invited for repairs to No. 1 police launch.

A man, charged at the Magistrate's court to-day with being a rogue and a vagabond, was sentenced to one month's imprisonment.

It is announced in the Gazette that the name of the Rev. F. T. Johnston was inadvertently omitted from the list of Justices of the Peace recently issued, and has been added.

The Chinese Engineering and Mining Co., Ltd. inform us that the total output of the Company's three mines for the week ending Jan. 20 amounted to 33,108.58 tons and the sales during the period to 24,775.43 tons.

We are informed that the Indo-China S. N. Co.'s river steamer Kutwo, which has been aground in the Yangtze for some considerable time past was successfully floated yesterday and has apparently suffered no damage.

The conclusion of the case in which a Chinese was charged at the last Criminal Assizes with attempting to obtain, by false pretences, 1,200 banknotes of the Kwong Yik-ching Bank, Swatow, from the Hongkong Printing Press was reached yesterday when after hearing argument from Mr. Potter on the prisoner's behalf, decided against him and sentenced the prisoner to twelve months' hard labour.

Land Sales.

Particulars of land sales by public auction at the Tai Po District Land Office on Feb. 10, and at the offices of the Public Works Department on Feb. 5 and 21, are notified in the Gazette.

Military Movements.

Major B. A. Craig, R.G.A., proceeded from Fanning Camp to Stonecutters on January 20, 1912. Captain H. C. Cutler, 3 Indian Officers, and 171 rank and file, 8th Rajputs, proceeded from Kowloon to Hongkong, on last instant.

Organ Recital.

The following is the programme that Mr. Donnan Fuller, who has lately returned from Shanghai, will play at the monthly organ recital in the St. John's Cathedral on Tuesday evening:—"Prelude and Fugue in C minor," Bach; "Piece Heroique," C. Franck; "Meditation," Bistatie; "Harmonies du Soir," Karg-Elert; "The Tempter," German. Mrs. Hunter is the soloist, and will sing Barnby's "The Soft Southern Breeze" and Stainer's "My Hope is in the Everlasting".

New Green Staff Market.

The Government proposes to make an order under the Highways Ordinance, 1910, for narrowing Staunton Street by erecting in it a lean-to shed to be used as a vegetable and fruit market. The shed is to be erected against the South boundary wall enclosing Queen's College and to extend over the full width of the footpath and from Aberdeen Street to Shing Wong Street. Any person objecting to the proposed order must forward his objection in writing to the Colonial Secretary not later than February 24.

Claim for Rent.

In the Summary Court this morning before the Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice Gompertz, Tsang Lung, a sand dealer, sued Lung Wing to recover \$30, being 6 months' rent for a piece of ground in Connaught Road.

Mr. W. B. Hind appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. Otto Kong for the defendant. The defence was that the money had been paid when accounts for deals in sand had been settled. The case was allowed to stand over until Friday next.

The English Mail of Jan. 6 was delivered in London on Feb. 2.

We have to thank the Meiji Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. for three useful calendars.

The appointment of Mr. Claud Sever as Colonial Secretary, to date from Feb. 2, is announced in the Gazette.

His Excellency the Governor will distribute the prizes of the Bellios Public School at Queen's College on Feb. 11 at noon.

An order by the Governor-in-Council extends the provisions of the Probates Ordinance, 1897, to the state of Victoria, Australia.

A man who was charged at the Magistrate's court this morning, with returning from banishment, told the bench he had returned with the intention of leading a good life. He was sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment.

A Chinaman in European attire, was charged at the Magistrate's court this morning, with being in unlawful possession of a revolver and 150 rounds of ammunition. He was fined \$100 or six weeks' imprisonment.

New Ordinance.

His Majesty the King has not been advised to exercise his power of disallowance with respect to the following Ordinance:—

Ordinance No. 31 of 1911, entitled—"An Ordinance to amend and codify the law as to the Interpretation of Terms and as to Common Forms used in Ordinances."

PIRACY AT MIRS BAY.

Police Fired On.

Though the authorities are not inclined to be communicative, it has come to our knowledge that a junk or launch was pirated at Mira Bay yesterday. The police boat, it is stated, gave chase, and the pirates opened fire on their pursuers. The police returned the attack with the maxim gun and eventually succeeded in reaching the craft. It is not stated whether any of the pirates were captured, but it is believed they got away before the police launch could get close enough to make any arrests.

QUEEN'S ROAD FIRE.

A rattan shop at 416, Queen's Road West, was the scene of a fire early this morning. The fire which broke out in a workshop at the rear of the premises occurred just after midnight and thanks to the prompt work of the fire brigade, under the superintendence of Mr. Wodehouse, the outbreak was confined to the outbuildings. These were gutted, and the stock they contained destroyed whilst other parts of the building were damaged by water. After working for about three quarters of an hour the brigade retired. The amount of damage cannot be fixed as yet, neither has it been ascertained whether or not the place was insured.

DIED IN GAOL.

At the Magistrate's court, to-day, Mr. E. A. Irving conducted an inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the death of Chu Shun, of Canton, who died on the 2nd inst. in Victoria Gaol.

Dr. P. J. Kelly, medical officer of Victoria Gaol, said that deceased was admitted to the hospital on Jan. 20 suffering from ascites. He saw him on the morning of the 2nd during his usual visit. At ten o'clock the same evening he received a message stating that deceased's condition was grave. At 10.50 the man died in his presence. He made a post-mortem examination and found that the cause of death was ascites due to cirrhosis of the liver. The latter complaint was due to parasites found on the liver. His instructions for deceased's treatment were well carried out.

A prison official stated that deceased was admitted to the gaol on Dec. 14, 1911, to serve a sentence of three months' hard labour passed upon him for theft. A verdict of death from natural causes was returned.

THEATRE ROYAL.

Lang-Britton Company.

The extension of the customary amenities to the Press should not, and probably does not consciously, bias the view of those who write theatrical notices. To invite the Press to exercise its function of adviser to the public on the merits or demerits of the theatrical fare provided as the guests of the management, has been a practice for many years. We mention this fact merely because the "Hongkong Telegraph" representative attended the presentation of "The Taming of the Shrew" at the Theatre Royal last night, having paid his \$4 for his seat. Whatever value, therefore, that this notice may possess or lack is due to the fact that it is written from the standpoint of a paying patron, not of a guest under a sense of obligation.

There was a most inexcusable delay in beginning the piece. The Theatre Royal has more elements of discomfort than most other buildings of its nature; it is bleak and draughty, and consequently if the management of a company announces that the play is to begin "at 9 o'clock sharp," they should keep their word—however difficult they find that feat. Their word is not their bond in this and in other things. The curtain did not go up until almost 9.20 p.m. and this inexcusable delay robbed the many persons who find that their only method of attracting attention to themselves is to arrive late at affairs of this sort, of the dubious distinction to which they aspire. There is some excuse, indeed, for them, but none for the management. If the management cannot be trusted to keep faith in regard to the time of opening it is the obvious right of patrons to discount any announcement about beginning "at 9 o'clock sharp."

Seats in the dress circle and the stalls cost \$4. In view of this comparatively high charge it is an imposition to charge another ten cents for a programme. The sum is trifling—and this fact should render it unnecessary for the management to make any charge. The Lang-Britton Company brought with it the highest commendation from Africa, from India and the Straits Settlements and the principals have an excellent London reputation. The audience looked forward to a delightful interpretation of Shakespeare's comedy—and they were not disappointed. The suggestion has been made that the "stars" in companies of this character by their brilliance prevent the lack of illumination in the lesser lights from being remarked. Rather is it the other way if the question be looked at from the proper angle. The very excellence of the principals would tend rather to bring into prominence the inadequacy of their support. We are aware that there have been and are companies in which one or two stars are practically the company, the other members being, so to speak, "props." But this is certainly not the case with the Lang-Britton combination; the high standard of excellence is maintained practically throughout and by everyone in the cast.

Mr. Matheson Lang made a convincing Petruchio. The part is one that tempts to rant and overacting. That temptation Mr. Lang has succeeded in resisting and his presentation of the part, while in no way lacking the swank that is properly associated with the character, was full of light and shade. The evasion of over-emphasis in such a part speaks the true artist, and that he thoroughly deserves that title Mr. Lang has once again proved. Of Miss Hutin Britton's part as the shrew a very similar comment might be written. To depict accurately in the first instance a woman whose beauty of person was only equalled by the ugliness of her disposition, and her gradual transition to a womanly woman with all the virtues that womanhood suffragists denounce, was not only a difficult task, but the temptation to over-emphasis, in the first part, must have been difficult to overcome. Miss Britton made the character live, and the audience verily saw Katharine, the daughter of Baptista, and not an actress of Baptista, and not an actress of Katharine.

the twentieth century. Higher praise cannot be.

Space, and not lack of appreciation of genuine merit, prevents more than the briefest reference to Mr. Douglas Vigors, Mr. A. W. Tyrer, Mr. Randall Holloway, Miss Dorothy Ripley, Mr. Hugh Owen, Mr. F. Percival Stevens, Mr. Russell Thorndike, Miss Lucy Beaumont, Mr. Charles Vane, Mr. Donald Young, Mr. Terence O'Brien, Miss Margaret Stuart, and Mr. F. N. Dalton, who filled the other parts with distinction and success.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(The opinions expressed by our correspondents are not necessarily those of the "Hongkong Telegraph.")

Imperial Maritime League.

The Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph."

Sir,—Ever since its inception in January, 1908, the Imperial Maritime League has constantly advocated the formation of a war staff at the Admiralty, having authority in matters strategical. Various statements as to the intentions of the present First Sea Lord which recently appeared in the Press have led the British public to hope that this aim of the League's endeavour is approaching attainment, and we earnestly trust that this expectation may be fulfilled early in the new year.

But to render a strategical war staff an effective means for obtaining victory in war, the observance of one condition at least is imperative: It is that, assuming always the competence of the members, of that staff, some guarantee should be supplied that their advice will be followed. Such a guarantee would be given, if, e.g., the chief of the staff each year definitely pledged himself, in a paper laid before Parliament, that his recommendations had been followed and that, in his opinion and the opinion of his colleagues, the nation and the Empire were in a state of reasonable security, having regard to the state of international relationships as these had been explained to them by the Government or by the Foreign Office.

But unless some such provision as this be made, the war staff may, and probably will become merely another instrument in the hands of politicians for deluding the people of these islands into a belief in a non-existent safety. We are, etc.,

Harold K. Wyatt,

L. Graham,

H. Horton Smith,

Joint Honorary Secretaries.

Dec. 20, 1911.

Imperial Maritime League,

2 Westminster Palace,

Gardens, S. W.

REGISTRATION OF SERVANTS.

Old Question Revived.

It really appears as if Iphigene may have the honour of showing the rest of the F. M. S. and the Colony, the way in regard to that very vexed question of registration of servants. A petition in favour of something being done there has been very largely signed, the names including those of the District Officer Mr. Jeff and Mr. Justice Woodward, besides the leading merchants and businessmen. A meeting was held in this connection to take some definite step, and it is satisfactory to note that the view was officially expressed that the Government would view sympathetically any measures suggested. One speaker stated that in South Africa domestic servants were registered and had to attend at the registry office once each month. It was decided as a result of discussion that it would be more satisfactory to make domestic servants take out a licence, in the same way as chauffeurs, etc., and a Committee was appointed to proceed immediately to take further steps. "Singapore Free Press."

An Independent News Agency telegram from Tokyo states that Mr. Imai, the newly appointed Consul-General to Hongkong, leaves Tokyo for his post on Feb. 5. The telegram also states that the rumour that Mr. Imai, the Japanese Minister to Peking, is to be transferred, is unfounded.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The Weather.

The only excuse for reverting to the weather is the weather itself. We were enabled to publish on Tuesday last some interesting facts courteously given to us by the Observatory, from which it was to be seen that we received a very niggardly allowance of sunshine during last month. February, however, has made a much better beginning. It is of interest to note that the Martians, if there be inhabitants of Mars, have also been having unwanted weather. Professor Lowell says that the Martians are having an early winter. He has noticed what he assumed to be frost on the planet. He says:—"It (the frost) was seen as a bright spot on the planet's sunrise edge and only there, not continuing on the disc as the planet turned. It was evident that this bright area was hoar frost from the fact that it gradually disappeared as it was brought into sunlight by the planet's daily revolution. Its whiteness rivalled the planet's south polar cap, and must have lasted for an hour and a-half to two hours after the sun had risen on that part of the planet to be thus visible. The repetition of the phenomenon night after night, combined with its restriction to certain Martian hours, shows that it was a diurnal matter, and the first steps of what is soon to be the snow covering throughout the day of those latitudes. This is the first time this particular phenomenon has been observed."

Smoke and Hygiene.

Yesterday we published in this column a paragraph about an interesting point being discussed in Australia in regard to smoking. The point was whether it was consistent with the dignity of a Minister of the Crown to smoke a cigarette while receiving a deputation. Leaving that point to the residents of the Commonwealth to decide for themselves, it is interesting to recall that there was one period in British history when children were compelled to smoke, under penalty of a flogging if they disobeyed. That was during the Great Plague. "Even children were obliged to smoke," writes Hearn, referring to this time. "And," he adds, "I remember that I heard formerly Tom Rogers, who was yeoman beadle, say that when he was a schoolboy at Eton that year when the Plague raged all the boys of the school were obliged to smoke in the school every morning, and that he was never whipped so much in his life as he was one morning for not smoking."

Mysterious Reuter.

Reuter's Agency is not infrequently the target of criticism. Recently the Hon. Mr. Pollock questioned whether a particular item of news sent by Reuter was of much importance, or in good taste. On that occasion we advanced reasons which we thought might be held to justify Reuter's action, but he has just been guilty of an anachronism which distinctly calls for comment. Readers will have remarked that yesterday a telegram appeared in reference to rioting at Brisbane. There was nothing to show why there should be rioting at Brisbane more than at Birmingham; Reuter simply flung the information at his subscribers and let them guess. There has been no hint of industrial or other trouble at Brisbane to afford a clue, but that has not worried Reuter. To-day, it is true, a little more light is shed upon the position by an allusion to "strikers" whence by induction it may be presumed that there is a strike. But what class of labour is striking, and what the strike is about is left to the imagination—and that is an auxiliary the assistance of which no news agency has a right to requisition.

FOOTBALL.

To-Day's Cup-Tie.

HONGKONG V. NAVAL YARD.

There was a very fair attendance at the Happy Valley this afternoon when the Hongkong F.C. met the Naval Yard in the semi-final for the Shield. To the whistle of Mr. A. P. Storrie the teams lined up as follows:—H. K. F. C.—Moon, Hamilton and McCubbin; Campbell, Barlow and Wilkie; Hedley, Wilson, Brown, Cooper, and Benton. N. Y. F. C.—High; Carlisle and Watch, Constantine, Wright and Tutton; Blues, Peritt, Palmer, Pyene and Lyons.

Hongkong won the toss and elected to kick with wind and sun in Naval Yard's favour. From the kick off Hongkong started quietly and an abortive attempt on the Navy's citadel marked the first few minutes.

About five minutes from the start the visitors through Pyne and Lyons, who seemed a particularly dangerous combination, paid a visit to Hongkong's end and placed the goal in serious jeopardy, Moon having to concede a corner which was, however, fruitless.

A really good attempt later on, made by Wilson and Hedley looked as though Hongkong were to score first, but Brown did not take his time and the ball went away. Still the game kept in the Navy's half and Hamilton tried a long shot without any effect. For quite five minutes a pressure was kept up on the naval goal and a point seemed almost certain when Wilson who was in a good position to shoot was pulled up for off side. Exchanges then ruled pretty evenly, even both ends being visited in quick succession until Lyons saw Moon an anxious time, forcing the latter to turn the ball behind. Cooper then put up an individual effort on Hongkong's behalf, but Carlisle kicked the ball out of play. Barlow then tried some long shots, but then they all went wide.

Work by the Hongkong right wing put Cooper in an advantageous position for a shot and he tested high with a fast ground-ex, which was turned behind by the goalie. The last stages of the first half saw some anxious moments round the Hongkong goal. Moon making one exceptionally fine save when hard pressed by two naval men. Just in the nick of time he picked the ball from Lyons' feet and got it away from the goal mouth. Hedley then finished the first half with a good individual effort which he eventually put over the bar.

The play throughout was very even and fast.

Half time Score 0-0. The second moiety ended with no goals scored and extra time was played. Final result:

0-0

CRICKET.

Hongkong v. Craighower.
Score at 3.45: Hongkong 168 for 7 wickets.

DON'T FORGET.

Sunday, Feb. 4.
Rev. C. Bone replies to Pastor Russell, Wanchai Church.

Monday, Feb. 5.
Kowloon Land and Building Co. Meeting.

Tuesday, Feb. 6.
Ninety-first ordinary half-yearly meeting of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd., noon.

Organ Recital, St. John's Cathedral.

Wednesday, Feb. 7.
Licensing Board, 2.15.

Thursday, Feb. 8.
Queen's College Prize Distribution.

Saturday, Feb. 10.
Volunteer Dinner to Capt. Thompson.

Monday, Feb. 12.
Criminal Sessions.

TRAINING NOTES.

This Morning's Work.

The cold snap of Wednesday and Thursday combined with the sunshine of yesterday and this morning has made the race track much easier and faster. The ponies this morning showed an all round improvement and times were good.

The chief performances were:—

Royal-Rose (1.1-4 Mile) 34-1-11, 1.40, 2.28 1-2, 3.31-2-35.

Esperanto (1.1-4 Miles) 39 1-16 1-49 2-25 2-59-34.

Miner (1.1-4 Miles) 30 1-16 1-49 2-25 2-59-34.

Cleric (Last 3-4 Mile) 45.1-2 1-10 1-42-32.

Diabolini (1.1-2 Miles) 47.1-2 1-25 2.03.1-2 2.40.1-2 3.14.3-5 3.48.1-2-34.

Snowdrift (1.1-2 Miles) 36 1.11.1-2 1-47 2.20.1-2 2-55-41-2.

Madrigal (1.1-2 Miles) 39 1-16 1-54 2-20 2-50 3-34 4.03.1-2.

Ben Nevis (1 Mile) 35 1-10 1.43.1-22-18-34.1-2.

Ben Macdubh (1 Mile) 35 1-10 1.43.12 2-18-34.1-2.

Capelle (1 Mile) last quarter 32.

Signal Boy (1.1-4 Miles) 47 1-26 2-06 2-45 3-25 3.57.1-2-32.1-2.

White Hawthorn (1.1-2 miles) 35. 1.10 1.40. 2.23.4-5 2.55-33.1-5.

Durbar Chief (1.1-4 miles) 37 1-1-2-1.47-2.19.4-5 2.52.4-5-33.

Bullingham (last 3-4 mile) 36 1.09.1-2-1.43.1-2-34.

Bredan Hill (last 3-4 mile) 36 1.09.1-2 1.43.1-2-34.

White Daisy (1.1-4 miles) 35 1-11-1.48 2.23.3-5 2.57-33.2-5.

Tomahawk (1.1-2 mile) 47 1.27.2.01 2.42 3.18.2-5 3.49.4-5-31.2-5.

Wireless (1.1-2 mile) 47 1-27 2.04 2.42 3.18.2-5 3.49.4-5-31.2-5.

Snowstorm (inside course 1.1-2 mile) 37 1-13 1.40.1-2 2.25 3.02.2-5 3.35-33.3-5.

White Lily (1.1-2 miles) 3.38 Reformer (last mile) 37 1.13.1-2 1.48 2.20.1-2-32.1-2.

Blue Bird (mile) 35 1-11-1.48 2.23.1-2-35.1-2.

CHURCH SERVICES.

St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, Sunday, February 4, 1912. Septuagesima; Holy Communion 8 a.m. Morning Prayer 11 a.m. Hymn; 202. Venite; 4th Day Lee. Psalms; 4th Morning; Psalm XIX Monk; Psalm XX Aldrich; Psalm XXI Woodward. Jubilate; Ouseley. Hymns; 169, 282 and 317. Evening Prayer; 6 p.m. Hymn; 24 (1st Tune). Psalm; 4th Evening; Psalm XXII Verses 1-22 Goss; Verses 23-24 Morgan; Psalm; XXIII Hopkins. Cantate Domino; Woodward. Deus Misereatur; Havergal. Hymns; 195, 633 and 184. Vesper Hymn; Sunday School will be held as usual at 3 p.m. in the afternoon in the Boy Scout's Headquarters on the Church grounds.

Garrison Divine Service.

Divine Service will be conducted to-morrow as follows:—Church of England, Cathedral, 9.15 a.m.; Detention Barrack, 12 noon; Stonecutters Barracks, Under Orders; Military Hospital, Bowen Road, 6 p.m.; Lyemun Barracks, 11.15 a.m.; Kowloon, St. Andrew's Church, 11 a.m.; Mount Austin Barracks; Baptist, Congregationalist and Presbyterian, Union Church, 11 a.m.; Wesleyan, Wesleyan Church, 10.15 a.m.; Roman Catholic, Victoria, St. Joseph's Church, 10 a.m.; Kowloon, Rosary Church, 9 a.m.

St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong. Septuagesima, February 4, Sunday. Holy Communion (8.15 a.m.) Matins (11 a.m.) Responses: Feriat; Venite; Lee; Psalms; Of the 4th morning; Te Deum; Hopkins in G.; Jubilate; Jones (12 morning); Anthem: "Love not the World"—Sullivan. Holy Communion (11.45 a.m.) Kyrie; Hopkins in A; Hymns; 83, 167. Evensong (5.45 p.m.) Responses: Feriat; Psalms; Of the 4th evening (II); Magnificat; Smart; Nuno Dimitis; Wickes. (10th evening) Hymns; 228, 225, 24 (III); Preacher: The Bishop of Victoria.

KULANGSU RATEPAYERS.

Annual Meeting.

The following are the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Kulangsu Ratepayers, held at the Board Room, Kulangsu, Amoy, on January 23, 1912:—

Dr. C. Merz, H. I. G. M. Consul and Senior Consul, was in the chair.

On the motion of the Chairman Mr. Berkeley Mitchell was appointed Secretary to the meeting, and read the notice convening same.

Mr. W. H. Wallace, Chairman of the retiring Council, addressed the meeting as follows:—

Mr. Chairman, Miss Macgregor and Gentlemen, —The Report and Accounts for the past year have now been in your hands some days. Although most matters have been fully dealt with, there are certain points I should like more particularly to bring to your notice.

First there is the expenditure on the artesian well. As you are aware, on our taking office in January last, there was a contract for this experimental artesian well boring in existence, and this contract had been entered into by a former Council, with the sanction of a special meeting of ratepayers, held on November 22, 1910. In the notice convening this special meeting, it was stated that the meeting was for the purpose of sanctioning the expenditure of funds in sinking an experimental artesian well, and the speaker in introducing the subject to the meeting, said: "This expression of 'experimental' has been used for the reason that it has been ascertained (after consulting such text-books bearing on the subject as were available in Amoy, and after one of our body had consulted expert opinion in Hongkong) artesian wells are not always successful. Frequently no water bearing strata is struck, and again, water may be struck and the well not be a flowing one. However it would never be known whether an artesian well is possible unless someone takes the initiative, and there seems no other solution of the problem at any reasonable expense." Well, I regret to say, ladies and gentlemen, the experiment was unsuccessful, and, as explained in the Annual Report, had to be reluctantly abandoned, as there was no prospect of it eventually proving a success, and your Council were of opinion that a continuance of the work was only throwing money away. For your information the work began on Dec. 19, 1910, and was finally stopped on June 15—a total of 179 days. The amount expended was \$3,236.86, made up as follows:—Expenses of export from Formosa, \$154.28, passage money and freight \$150, wages \$2,500.00, materials, interest, etc. \$432.58. This deficit we propose wiping off during the current year, as you will see by the Budget.

Although perhaps the matter of street lighting should rightly come up when the Estimates for 1912 are brought forward for approval, I think perhaps if I mention the question of street lighting now. Your retiring Council are fully aware that the present system gives a good deal of dissatisfaction, and agree that it is antiquated and leaves much to be desired, and moreover they are in agreement with a suggestion made by M. Lecomte, that even if the funds at the disposal of the Council do not admit of expensive improvements in the present lighting, still a start might be made to improve matters by erecting on different points on the island an improved type of lamp, and gradually adding to these yearly. Just what type of lamp, and the general details of such a scheme, must be left to the incoming Council, and I am confident that the gentlemen you elect to-day, will endeavour to treat M. Lecomte's suggestion sympathetically, and bring the lighting arrangements of the Settlement more in line with modern requirements.

The Secretary read:—

(1) A letter from M. Lecomte to the Council criticising the lighting of the Settlement, and making certain suggestions for improving same, and recommending that the incoming Council take early action in the matter.

(ii) From Capt. Bathurst and other ratepayers to the Council as follows:—"The undersigned ratepayers do not consider it necessary to pay extra rent for a private residence for the Secretary. The Municipal Building were built on a large scale for the housing of the Secretary. We note that \$78 has been charged to connect the telephone to the Secretary's residence. We consider the same unnecessary, as the telephone at the Municipal Buildings is close at hand and as watchmen stationed at the same night and day and could take any message to the Secretary in 3 minutes. We consider the roads are badly lighted especially at Lak-kee-tah and its vicinity and that the rent for the Secretary's house would help to the upkeep of more lights.

(iii) Correspondence between Mr. Emil Bauer and the Council relative to voting for Councillors. The Chairman proposed, seconded by Mr. L. I. Thomas, That the Accounts for 1911 be passed. Carried by a large majority.

The Chairman asked if there were any questions concerning the Estimates for 1912.

Mr. Bauer complained of the state of the roads and the poor lighting system.

Capt. Bathurst made a long speech protesting against the increased expenditure. He moved, seconded by Mr. Bauer, "That the expenses of the Secretariat be cut down by the sum of \$730, being the rent of the Secretary's house."

On a vote being taken, 15 voted for the resolution, and 19 against.

The Chairman proposed, seconded by Mr. Wilson, "That the Estimates for 1912 be passed, and on the motion being put to the meeting 24 were in favour and thirteen against."

Mr. Bauer proposed, seconded by Capt. Bathurst, a resolution as follows:—"That the ratepayers shall be allowed to vote for as many Councillors as they like out of the number who offer themselves for election, providing they do not vote for more than six, but the motion was subsequently withdrawn."

The following gentlemen offered themselves as Councillors for 1912:—

Capt. H. Bathurst, Messrs. J. S. Fenwick, G. F. Haslam, T. Koizumi, W. B. M'D. Parr, H. F. Rankin and W. H. Wallace, and, on a ballot being taken, the following were elected:—

Messrs. J. S. Fenwick, W. H. Wallace, W. B. M'D. Parr, Capt. H. Bathurst, Messrs. T. Koizumi, and H. F. Rankin.

The Chairman informed the meeting that the Councillor Body at Amoy have appointed the present sitting Chinese member of the Municipal Council Mr. Lam Ni-ka, to continue to hold his office in the year 1912 until a recognised Government is established in Fokien.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman, proposed by Mr. Wallace, was carried with acclamation.



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Hongkong, 3rd Feb., 1912. [137]

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NAVY CONTRACTS, 1912-13.

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COMMERCIAL.

Share Report.

The following is Messrs. Wright and Hornby's report for the week ending February 3—

Generally speaking there has not been any great activity in our local stocks during the week under review; the market closes steady with a tendency to weakness in very many stocks.

Rubber is quoted from London at 4/7 per lb. buyers.

We attach a few quotations received by cable from London this morning.

Bar Silver is quoted at 26.13-16 per oz. for ready and 26.11-13 for forward delivery buyers. Exchange on London opened at 1.11.5-16 T.T.

Banks.—Hongkong and Shanghai Banks after sales at \$880 have sellers at \$875; the London price is £82.10.

Marine Insurance.—Unions have sold \$850 and close steady at the rate. North China are wanted at \$147.1-2, and Yangtzes at \$212.1-2 or 73. Cantons have sellers at \$197.1-2.

Fire Insurance.—Hongkong Firms and China Firms are a neglected market at \$381 and \$131 respectively.

Shipping.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboats have changed hands at \$26.1-2, and there are further sellers at the rate. Indo-China are strong at the improved rate of \$61.1-2. China and Manilla have sellers at \$10.75. Shell Transports have improved in London to 87/-, middle price. Star Ferries are unchanged at \$27.1-4 (old) and \$17 (new).

Refineries.—A fair number of China Sugars have changed hands at \$108 and \$108.50 and the market closes strong with buyers at \$108. Luzons are strong at \$30 buyers.

Mining.—Langkats have buyers at Tls. 82; the output for the month of January is 13,335 tons, an increase of 1,235 tons on the December output. Raubs are on offer at \$3.70.

Docks, Wharves and Godowns.—Hongkong Docks are procurable at \$45. Shanghai Docks are unchanged at Tls. 58. Kowloon Wharves have steadily declined throughout the week to a selling quotation of \$53. A good number of shares have changed hands at this price.

Land, Hotels and Buildings.—Hongkong Lands are offering at \$98. Kowloon Lands have improved to a buying rate of \$34 and West Points are still wanted at \$49. Humphreys Estates have declined to 6.1-2 sellers. Shanghai Lands are easier at Tls. 46.

Cottons.—Hongkong Cottons are in demand at \$5.1-4 and Ewos are unchanged at Tls. 80. Miscellaneous.—China Providents are weak at \$8.00. Cement at \$3.90. China Borneos at \$10.1-2. Ropes at \$18 have sellers. Daily Farms have buyers at 20.

London quotations received by cable to-day:
Banks \$82/10
Shells 87/-
Anglo-Malays 16/8
Bertams 5/3
Eastern Internationals 18/3
Hawwoods 4/6
London Asiatics 11/-
Merlimaus 4/-

It is reported that the construction of the Kongo, a Japanese battleship, which is now in course of being built at the yard of Messrs. Vickers, Son and Maxim, in England, under the superintendence of Captain Kato and twenty other naval officers, has made progress and she is to be launched at the end of March. The battleship is of 26,500 tons displacement and will be fitted with 14 inch guns.

SHARE REPORT.

S-SELLERS. M-MAKERS. B-BUYERS.

STOCKS & PAID UP VALUE	CLOSING PRICES	LAST DIVIDEND AND DATE
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI	\$125	Interim dividend of 43 per share at exchange 1/24—\$82.82 for 1 year ending 30th June 1911.
MARINE INSURANCE		
Cantons	\$50	\$107 1/2
North China	\$5	T150 b.
Unions	\$100	\$850 sa.
FIRE INSURANCE		
China Firms	\$20	\$151 a.
Hongkong Firms	\$50	\$361
China & Manilla	\$25	\$10.75
Douglas Steamships	\$50	\$21
Steamship	\$15	\$264 sa.
Indo-China (Preferred)	\$5	\$60
(Deferred)		
"Shell" Transports	\$1	\$11 b.
"Star Ferry"	\$5	\$17 b.
REFINERIES		
China Sugars	\$100	\$1084 sa.
Luzon Sugars	\$100	\$36 sa.
MINING		
Chinese Engineering	\$1	T11 b.
Trochus	\$1	63/6
Rauas	\$1	\$3.80 sa.
Docks, Wharves, & Godowns	\$50	\$64 sa.
Kowloon Wharves	\$50	\$64 sa.
H. K. & W. P. Docks	\$50	\$15
Shanghai Docks	T. 100	\$158
Hongkong Wharves	T. 100	\$195.50
LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDINGS		
Anglo French Lands	T. 100	\$114
Hongkong Hotels	\$50	\$72 b.
Hongkong Lands	\$100	\$984 sa.
Humphreys Estates	\$10	\$64 sa.
Kowloon Lands	\$30	\$64 sa.
Shanghai Lands	T. 30	\$199
West Point	\$50	\$49 b.
Manilla M'pole Hotel	P. 10	\$19.50 sa.
COTTON MILLS		
Ewos	T. 50	T. 81
MISCELLANEOUS		
China-Borneo	\$12	\$104 sa.
Light and Powers	\$10	\$1.30 b.
Do. (Spec. shares)	\$1	\$1
China Providents	\$10	\$8 sa.
Dairy Farms	\$5	\$20 b.
Green Islands	\$10	\$3.75
Hongkong Electric	\$10	\$21
Hongkong Ice	\$25	\$210
Hongkong Ropes	\$10	\$18 sa.
Langkats	\$10	T. 83 sa.
Morning Post	\$25	\$25
Peak Tramway	\$10	\$11 1/2 b.
Do. (new)	\$1	\$1.10
Philippines	\$10	\$5 b.
H. Price & Co., Ltd.	\$10	\$12b.
Societe des Preferees	\$50	\$50
Papieret	\$50	\$50
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Shanghai-Sumatra	T. 20	T109
Steam Laundry	\$5	\$64
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Ltd.	\$10	\$10
United Asbestos Foundry Shares	\$10	\$300
Union Waterboat	\$10	\$50 sa.
Weissmann, Ltd.	\$10	\$16 b.
Watson	\$10	\$42 b.
William Powell	\$10	\$42 b.

Corrected to 3 p.m. January 31, 1912. WRIGHT AND HORNBY, 5th Floor, Queen's Building, Tel. 4001, 4002, 4003.

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

(CAPITAL PAID UP...\$1,250,000.)

Loans on Mortgage of House Property, &c.

Goods received on Storage.

Advances made on Merchandise.

(Rates and Particulars on application.)

THE OFFICE OF

TRUSTEE, EXECUTOR OF

WILLS, ATTORNEY, &c.,

Underwritten and Executed.

SHEWAN TOMES & Co.

General Managers.

Hongkong, 19th March, 1908. [28]

MR. JOHN MANNERS has been

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SPALOKHAVER having left our

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GEO. HOGG, Manager.

No. 2, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, 11th Feb., 1911. [1]

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.

Established 1880.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL Yen 40,000,000.

PAID-UP CAPITAL...\$8,000,000

RESERVE FUND...\$17,000,000

Head Office—YOKOHAMA.

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